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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resurrections, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Meets to Consider Reciprocity for Cuba and Other Affairs.

Senator Hoar (Mass.) introduced a resolution in the United States senate on the 10th calling for information covering every phase connected with the founding of the new republic of Panama. Senators Teller and Morgan spoke against Cuban reciprocity. In the house bills were introduced for the upbuilding of the navy; to create a commission to consider legislation for the development of the American merchant marine; to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of a federal building at Lincoln, Ill.

Bills were introduced in the United States senate on the 10th providing that after March 4, 1904, salaries of senators, representatives and delegates in congress shall be \$7,500 per annum, and to make the provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States applicable to Porto Rico. In the house the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$138,150,000, was reported. A bill was introduced limiting the meaning of the word "conspiracy" and the use of injunctions.

There were two speeches in the United States senate on the 11th on the Cuban reciprocity bill, one of them in support of the measure and the other against. Bills were introduced for the erection in Washington of a monument to the memory of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; providing for the promotion to the grade and pay of major of army chaplains who have had not less than ten years' experience. Adjourned to the 14th. In the house Mr. Dismore (Ark.) condemned the recognition of the Panama republic and Mr. Hitt (Ill.) upheld the action of the United States. The pension bill was discussed. Adjourned to the 14th.

DOMESTIC.

The Standard Oil officials ordered bloodhounds sent to Montpelier, Ind., where some one opened the valves of five immense tanks and permitted the oil to escape.

Fifteen persons were injured and Frank A. La Salle killed in a train collision near Steubenville, O.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 11th aggregated \$171,324,728. The increase compared with the corresponding week of last year was 4.2.

The resolutions adopted by the Anti-Saloon league in session in Washington pronounce the saloon the greatest criminal the world has known.

John McCrea, the colored murderer of Detective William Murphy on June 25 last, was hanged in Peoria, Ill.

There were 331 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 11th, against 269 the same week in 1902.

Mrs. Rachel A. Beall, an eccentric and well-to-do widow, was shot to death at her home in Washington by some one unknown.

Weekly trade reviews say that business in all seasons lines makes a favorable comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year.

Prominent educators met in Washington and started a movement in behalf of better salaries for teachers.

Senator Hanna will request the senate committee on military affairs to subpoena Gen. Wood to answer charges.

National and local labor leaders in Chicago deny use of violence in strikes, while attacks on nonunion men are almost of daily occurrence.

Near Piedmont, W. Va., five men were killed and several severely injured by the overturning of two engines.

Walsh and Munroe won a six-day cycle race at New York.

At New Haven, Conn., the Yale university forestry school building was destroyed by fire, the loss being over \$100,000.

Charges that William J. Bryan manufactured the letters giving him \$50,000 of Philo Bennett's estate and induced Bennett to sign them were made in court in New Haven, Conn., by Mrs. Bennett. Gov. Brady, of Alaska, in his annual report urges provision for Alaska's representation by a delegate in congress, and says that Alaska's main need is for pioneers and home builders.

The northwest experienced the coldest weather of the season, the thermometer ranging from four to 24 degrees below zero at various places.

Gen. Reyes, of Colombia, now in Washington, has decided that it is useless for his government to attempt an invasion of Panama in view of the determination of the United States to preserve peace on the isthmus.

Three trainmen were killed and five injured in a collision on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road near Adel, Ia. Judge Holdom fined Franklin Union of Press Feeders in Chicago \$1,000 for violation of the typographic injunction.

Zion City will be conducted hereafter on a cash basis, according to John A. Dowle.

The Great Lakes vessel season now closed was the most prosperous since 1893.

A protest against Reed Smoot, of Utah, remaining in the senate was adopted by a mass meeting in Washington called by women.

Dr. I. B. Washburn, of Remsen, Ind. died as the result of an operation two years ago in which it is alleged surgeons left a pair of steel forceps near the liver.

Secretary of Interior Hitchcock in his annual report shows 22,824,299 acres of public land sold during the past year. The pension list decreased 2,901 names, the total number now being 1,642,933.

Railroads in Minnesota killed 211 persons the past year, against 133 in 1902.

Carroll D. Wright, United States labor commissioner, in an address at Philadelphia predicted the abandonment of wages for profit sharing.

The national contractors' convention in Chicago adopted a radical rule for an open shop.

Fire at Whiting, Ill., destroyed the Bank of Whiting and Cassidy & Whiting's department store, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Five passengers were cremated and ten injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad three miles west of Albia, Ia.

W. I. Buchanan, of New York, has been chosen special minister to the Panama republic by President Roosevelt.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The town of Abbott, Tex., has been almost wiped out by fire.

Rear Admiral Bancroft Gierardi (retired) died at his residence in Stratford, Conn., aged 71 years.

Capt. Charles A. P. Talbot, British consul at Boston, died suddenly of heart trouble.

Isaac Price, said to be the oldest man in Brooklyn, N. Y., died in his one hundred and second year.

Judge James Cheney, said to be the wealthiest man in Indiana, died at Fort Wayne, aged 83 years. His fortune is estimated at \$25,000,000.

J. Stanley Forrest, widely known as the prison evangelist, died in Davenport, Ia.

The republican national committee selected Chicago as the place and June 21, 1904, as the date for holding the next convention.

John R. Procter, of Kentucky, president of the United States civil service commission, died in Washington, aged 59 years.

FOREIGN.

The government of Sweden and Norway has recognized the republic of Panama as an independent state.

Russia has sent eight warships to Korea to back up her demand that Yonamphe be maintained as a closed port and threatens to march on Seoul.

Colombian troops were reported marching on Panama, while United States warships were patrolling both coasts to prevent landing.

Queen Alexandra narrowly escaped burning to death at Sandringham palace, London. A floor, weakened by hidden fire, collapsed just after she left her room.

Colombian officers were urging speedy action to retake Panama, fearing that Gen. Reyes is being induced to delay his negotiations till too late.

Charles Waldegrave Sandford, for nearly 30 years bishop of Gibraltar and founder of the Gibraltar mission to seamen, is dead at Bishopbourne.

Four hundred United States marines and 300 bluejackets landed at Guantanamo, Cuba, and installed the naval station at that point.

The United States battleship Maine left Colon for the United States to undergo repairs.

Baron Von Kardoff, in an address to the German relobstas, declared the empire was rapidly drifting toward socialism.

The Japan diet has been dissolved by the emperor as a blow at the war party, and the cabinet now will have free hand to treat with Russia.

A United States flag raising at Guantanamo was avoided by Cubans, who declared the naval station there has been forced upon them.

Nine American jockeys earned nearly \$200,000 on the French turf during 1903. Spain will not participate in the St. Louis exposition.

The results of the election for president, held throughout Colombia on December 8, show a complete triumph for Gen. Reyes.

The Panama constitutional convention has been called to meet January 1. Three Americans and seven natives were killed by fumes from a blast of dynamite in a quarry near Manila.

LATAM.

Senate—The senate spent the 14th on the Cuban bill, most of the time being occupied by Mr. Bailey, of Texas, in an elaborate argument against the constitutionality of the proceeding. He claimed that no treaty changing the revenue laws that was not first authorized by legislation originating in the house of representatives was valid. Mr. Bailey also opposed the bill as a matter of general policy. Brief speeches were made by Senators Teller, Depew and Lodge. At 4:10 o'clock the senate went into executive session, and at 4:15 adjourned. House—The house was in session for a little more than four hours, on the 14th, during which time there was a general discussion on varied topics. The pension appropriation bill was before the house, but no conclusion on it was reached. The isthmian canal and the Republic of Panama, the tariff, tobacco interests and questions affecting labor were debated. The house, at 4:15, adjourned until the 15th.

Viola Sands Hazard, thought to be the oldest woman in Rhode Island, died, on the 13th, at her home at Wakefield, R. I., at the age of 195 years. She was known as the only descendant of the sole survivor of the ship Palatine, which was wrecked at Block Island in the eighteenth century, and which became celebrated as the "phantom ship" in Whittier's poem.

D. C. Copley, member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, who was arrested at Victor, Col., on the 13th, by the militia, was released, on the 14th, by an order of Gov. Peabody. He was one of 23 men charged with dynamiting the Sun & Moon mining property at Idaho Springs, Col.

School children placed a bolt on the track where the incoming Rock Island & Pacific passenger train from the east at a point ten miles east of Colorado Springs, Col., on the 14th, and the locomotive, baggage car and first coach were derailed. Three trainmen were badly hurt.

United States minister Beaupre reported to the state department at Washington, D. C., from Bogota, on the 14th, that everything was quiet there and he saw no occasion to postpone his leave of absence, and he would start at once for the United States.

The chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, on the 14th, announced a recess of that body for two weeks, from the 24th.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

England's wholesale and retail food trade is said to be falling into the hands of the American meat trust.

Dr. H. F. Swanback, of Nebraska, wears the Iron cross of Prussia, given him by Frederick IV.

Edwin Warfield, governor-elect of Maryland, has been everything from a farmer's hired man to a banker. He is rich.

The Minnesota supreme court rules that it is permissible to defame candidates for public office if the charges are true.

The area of the lands held by the czar of Russia as an individual is greater than that of the republic of France.

A plan to spend \$27,220,000 on line between Chicago and New York has been decided on by stockholders and directors of the Erie railroad.

A Brooklyn (N. Y.) prison record shows that Edward Gaffney has spent 16 years in prison for wife beating. He has been convicted ten separate times.

Isadore Newman, of New Orleans, recently gave \$50,000 to charity to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in the United States.

A tablet is to be erected in memory of John Adam Dazyr, the first shoemaker in Lynn, Mass., and the founder of that city's great industry.

The fastest locomotive in the world, the fastest automobile and the balloon that has reached the highest altitude will be part of the German exhibit at the St. Louis world's fair.

A "city beautiful" will be constructed at Dunfermline, Scotland, with a gift of \$250,000 and site from Andrew Carnegie. Model homes for tollers will be included.

Dr. Frank Alpine Hill, secretary of the Massachusetts board of education, is dead. He was one of the most prominent promoters of educational thought in the United States.

Mrs. Marie Pigum Harrison, who died in Brooklyn the other day, aged 101, was a famous circus performer in her time. She was the daughter of a bootmaker to George III.

The big gorge bridge over the Cuyahoga river, near Cuyahoga falls, was crossed for the first time by the Northern Ohio company's electric cars. The bridge is over 400 feet long and 110 feet in height.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Work has commenced on the new \$50,000 addition to the state normal school at Warrensburg.

The ministers' alliance of Marshall has agreed to stop Sunday funerals, except in case of necessity.

The Missouri Sunday School association, in session at St. Louis, decided to raise \$5,200 for work in the state this year. Of this sum \$2,600 is to come from St. Louis.

At the Missouri Dairy association meeting at Clinton H. E. Green, of Kirksville, and the Appleton City cheese factory were awarded gold medals for the best butter and cheese, respectively. W. W. Warple, of St. Joseph, was re-elected president.

Gov. Dockery will shortly visit Washington city to meet former co-laborers in congress. During his absence Senator Thomas L. Rubey, of Macon, will act as governor. Since Lieut. Gov. Lee's resignation Rubey has been acting as lieutenant governor.

The attorney general, E. C. Crow, and Sheriff Smith have returned to Jefferson City from Albany, N. Y., where they went to try to get William Ziegler extradited to answer to the indictment for bribery. Gen. Crow was not pleased with the reception he received in New York.

On January 2 a conference of the folk clubs and folk believers of the entire state will be held in St. Louis. It will be followed at night by a meeting in Music hall. The date for the meeting was set for January 2, as the holiday railroad rates will then be available. Congressman W. D. Vandiver is folk's manager.

December 18 Butler county will vote on local option. Circuit Judge Fort is taking a lively interest in the question and during the recent trial of a murder case at Poplar Bluff, when the courtroom was crowded, the judge interrupted the proceedings for over an hour to allow two ministers to address the people assembled in behalf of local option.

Judge Robert H. Kern and other land owners of the Charlton bottom, lying north of the Burlington railroad in the western part of Macon county, have just completed a levee, which runs near the bank of the Charlton river for a mile and is three feet above the high water mark. The levee will protect several thousand acres of land from high water.

Abraham Herrington, a messenger for the American Express company living at Sedalia, who became insane a few days ago while on his run on the Kansas City division of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, escaped from the hospital at Sedalia. Arrangements were making to remove the patient to his old home in Canada and he was to have started soon.

Many republican papers of the Sixteenth congressional district favor A. P. Murphy for congressman from that district. Mr. Murphy is national attorney for the Creek Indians at a salary of \$5,000 a year. He stated that in case he was nominated in his home district he would return and make the race. He was defeated for the nomination in the same district by one vote in 1901.

Dr. F. B. Mumford, acting dean of the Missouri agricultural college, secured figures and other information on Missouri mules which reveal that the number of live stock in this state is far greater than in 1900, which, in view of unfavorable conditions, is remarkable evidence of the wonderful agricultural vitality of Missouri. They show that the number of mules in this state has now reached 300,000. Their value is estimated at \$23,000,000.

Missouri alone now has nine per cent. of the total number of mules in the United States. There are more mules in Missouri than in any other state except Texas. When it is remembered that during the Boer war thousands of mules were shipped from Missouri to South Africa these figures are astounding. Missouri has in three years leaped to the position of second mule state in America, crowding Texas closely for first honor.

Mule-breeding in Missouri is on the increase and will continue. The mule is a good investment. A good team should bring as high as \$500. Mules do not vary in value so widely as horses. A great advantage in breeding mules is that they require such little care and comparatively small feeding. A mule can get along on a smaller amount of feed than a horse, and it does not seem to make much difference what the feed is.

So far as the University of Missouri is concerned, football is not profitable as a business. The receipts for the season just ended were approximately \$5,000; the expenses \$4,800. Most of the income was from the Thanksgiving day game with Kansas, where \$6,500 was divided equally between the two teams. The expenses were as follows: Salary of the coach and trainer, \$2,000; guarantee for six games played in Columbia, \$1,800; training table, \$400, and equipment, \$600.

A PLOT TO KILL MINISTER POWELL

Assassination of American Minister Planned at San Domingo.

HATCHED IN THE CABINET

News of the Plot to Assassinate United States Minister Powell Has Been Received by Dominican Consul-General at New York.

New York, Dec. 15.—The New York World this morning prints the following:

News of a plot to assassinate United States Minister Powell at San Domingo was received in this city Monday. It was brought to the Dominican consul-general, Manuel D. J. Galvan, by a messenger arriving on the steamer Fox-hall from Puerto Plata. The private dispatches bear the signature of a prominent Dominican official. The dispatches also tell of two attempts on the life of Jimenez.

Hatched in the Cabinet.

The plot against Minister Powell was hatched in the cabinet of the provisional government, of which Gen. Morales is the head. It is said that on the night of December 5 a high official of the provisional government made the proposition of assassination to the Morales cabinet in the following words: "We must get rid of Minister Powell. He is too independent and we can do nothing with him. If he is out of the way, we can get a minister sent here whom we can influence. It will be an easy matter. Let a bogus fight be started with Powell within easy striking distance. Should the American fall in the melee, he would have been killed by accident. It is our only way to get rid of him."

Ministers Approved the Plan.

Several members of the cabinet, Carlos Gulebra, the minister of posts and telegraphs, in particular, approved the plan of assassination, but it was abandoned by a formal vote. The best-informed men on the island, however, believe that the vote was a trick to appease the few objectors, and that Minister Powell's life is in imminent danger.

MANY HAVE CLOSE CALL.

Thirty-Eight Women Carried to Safety From a Burning Chicago Hotel—Several Unconscious.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Panic-stricken several endeavoring to leap from windows in their frantic attempts to escape, 38 women, all scantily clad, were driven out of the four-story buildings at 229 Michigan avenue, used as servants' quarters for the Auditorium hotel, by fire early Monday morning. The structure is just south of the Auditorium Annex.

By determined effort all were rescued. A number were found unconscious in the smoke-swept hallways of the burning buildings and were carried out into the bitter cold and to safety. Only by the early discovery of the flames and prompt action on the part of the members of the night force of the annex was a holocaust prevented. The property loss was slight.

SURRENDER UNION CARDS.

The Utah Fuel Company Says Strikers Must Decide Between Company and the Miners' Union.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 15.—"Any miner who wants to work for the Utah Fuel Co. must choose between the company and the miners' union," said Vice-President Kramer of the Utah Fuel Co. "We will not take back a single one of the strikers so long as they are unwilling to surrender their union cards."

The Utah Fuel Co. controls the mines at Sunnyside, Winter Quarters, Seefeld and Castle Gate, which have been partially tied up for several weeks as the result of the miners' strike.

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Two Italians Wanted in Connection With Feble Killing in St. Louis Captured in Canada.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 15.—Two Italians both aged 18 years, who gave the name of John Miriani and Louis Stezia, were arrested across the river in Windsor, Ont., Monday night by Detective Ferdinand Palma. The men are wanted in St. Louis in connection with the murder of an American by three Italians in that city December 5. The suspects came across the river without demanding extradition. They are said to have admitted being in St. Louis when the murder was committed, but charge that a third Italian, whose name is withheld, committed the crime.

Delegate From Porto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The committee on insular affairs of the house Monday favorably reported a bill giving Porto Rico a delegate in congress.